

More consecration and prayer is needed. God has promised the blessing upon those who do not rob him in withholding his dues. Paul gives us a plain rule, "As the Lord has prospered you." Nothing affords more joy to the laborers in God's vineyard than to know that the Spiritual children "walk in truth." Six months of the conference year is gone and the contributions have aggregated but little more than the traveling expenses, please make up, brethren.

A. J. HIXSON, D. E.

Our Mexico Letter

Life is not all sunshine; neither is it all shadow. One of the bright spots came in life when wife and I wended our way down to the beautiful little church on the banks of the Eel, in Mexico, where for several years we have been laboring in the gospel, to attend the regular business meeting of March. At the largest attended business meeting that the church ever had, and without a single dissenting voice, the church extended us a call for another year's labor, to begin Oct. 1. As to whether or not some one might not take up the work at this point and carry in on to His greater glory than we—God knoweth. But after these years of preaching plainly what we believe He would have us preach, and while the world severely criticises and often bitterly condemns, then, to have the entire church arise and say, "Brother Bauman we're with you to a man in this battle." I tell you brothers, it makes the tongue dumb, and one feel that God still has His noble men and noble women who can "endure sound doctrine." The church here is already thinking of employing a pastor for his entire time, and making itself the center of a little mission field of its own. We do not believe it is a mere dream, but that ere long it will be a glorious fact. God hath great things in store for us.

Brethren, if you want God's blessing upon your church, get a man of God to preach the truth fearlessly and then stand behind him, and stand beside him, and cheer him on in the battle. Nothing is hurting the cause of truth much more today than this habit of everlastingly criticising and often misrepresenting your pastors to the world, when you ought to be standing by his side. It is making cowards of many men who otherwise would be bold for the truth of the gospel.

Stand by your pastor, he may not be just what you want him to be—he may not say just what you want him to say, but dragging him over the coals before the world, won't help the cause or him either. If you want an angel you will have to send to heaven after one, for you won't find him on the earth. The church that don't stand by its pastor when godless men and women, friends of the saloon, the dance, and the theater, "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," hypocrites, the vile of tongue, and the vile in heart, begin to battle him, that church ought to burn with fire from heaven. Aye, and it will!

Last Sabbath was a glorious day of rejoic-

ing for the church. God was surely with us. It was Decision Day in the Sunday-school, and as a result four of God's little ones made the great confession and will receive baptism in the near future. A collection for Washington church amounted to \$25.10. The church is rejoicing in the return of brother and Sister Edwards from Missouri, where they have been making their home for the past few years. Few parents have endured the trial that they have experienced in the past year. Their beloved Paul, the oldest boy, was one of the ill-fated little band headed by Lieut. Gilmore and which was captured in the Philippines. For about eight months they knew not whether he was dead or alive, and if alive they realized that for the time being that it was to suffer worse than death. Only now and then did they get uncertain rumors that he was alive. But now we rejoice with them in knowing, that after months of wandering and suffering and several times very near death at the hands of the enemy, he is at Manila, alive and well. "The Lord doeth all things well."

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

The Brethren Conference of Maryland and Virginia, to be held at Bethlehem, near Harrisonburg, Va., May 10-13.

FIRST SESSION, THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Devotional service, by the chairman.
Address of Welcome, J. I. Hall.
Responses by delegates.
Reading minutes of last conference.
Organization.
Sermon at 8 P. M.

SECOND SESSION, FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional service, W. M. Lyon.
Reports of the committees.
Parochial, S. P. Fogle, chairman.
Sunday School Work, Joshua Long, chairman.
Woman's Work, Laura Hedrick, chairman.
Educational Work, J. M. Tombaugh, chairman.
Report from preachers, "What I have done."
"How can our conference be helpful to isolated members?" D. C. Moomaw and Henry Wise.

THIRD SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

"Sanctification," J. W. Pursely and W. H. Spiggle.
"Our Divine Relationship," J. W. Leedy and Geo. A. Copp.
"How much Should a Christian Give?" W. M. Lyon and Joshua Long.
Queries.
Sermon at 8 P. M.

FOURTH SESSION, SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

"Our Missions; Are They a Success? If not, why not?" J. M. Tombaugh and P. W. Wisman.
"Unity in our Church Doctrine and how to Obtain it," J. W. Leedy and D. C. Moomaw.
Reports of delegates on "Home Work."
Queries.

FIFTH SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Miscellaneous and unfinished business.

Sermon at 8 P. M.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M., Sunday school rally.

Sermon at 10:30 P. M.

Young People's Meeting at 2:30 P. M.

Sermon at 8 P. M.

The music will be one of the prominent features of the conference and we cordially invite all singing people to help us.

Rejoice and Be Glad

L. S. ALABAUGH

Upon receiving my EVANGELIST this morning I was made to remark, "What does this mean? But half a paper!" But upon further examination I found the reason. The 8th day of April has been announced by the missionary board as mission day and a day of jubilee. But I did not feel like waiting to rejoice until that time, but have been rejoicing all the day long, and made to exclaim, "Rejoice and be glad." "It is sunshine at last! The clouds have departed, the shadows are past." I have always felt a deep interest in the Washington City work. As I well know it is a hard matter to make the work in a city a success without good financial support and our own church houses to worship in. I am glad to know so many dear brethren and sisters have laid all selfishness aside and have responded so nobly in the good work. I hope none may be weary in well doing, but that it may inspire us to go on, and feel as it were an individual matter, and be led to exclaim as dear Paul, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do." We all have a work to do while life lasts, which should demand our close attention. God has given all of us gifts and he expects us to improve that gift, let it be ever so small. So let us make an effort to do the best we can tho it may seem imperfect to us. God will reward us accordingly. One of the good works we all may be engaged in is mission work. If we can not give even the widow's mite, we can help the good cause along by writing or speaking a work in favor of it. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is one of God's positive commands which he expects us to obey, for in that way he tests our faith.

While we can not all go and preach the Gospel we may be able to do a little mission work at home, or contribute towards sending others. And as God knows the desire of each heart let us obey his Word, and when our work on earth is done we may hear the painful sentence, "Enter thou into the pay of thy Lord."

Maple Grove, Ind.

Tho silent for awhile, I am still interested in the cause and will write again. Our Sunday school is progressing. Great interest is manifested in the study of the life of Christ, and who would not be interested in such a pure and holy life? As we read about Jesus we are inspired with a new desire and a new hope of becoming nearer like him. Last Sunday evening, March 25, closed the year of the organization of the